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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SHAH

FOR CHARGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SHAH:

QUOTE YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY: I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM LENGTHY TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN GENEVA AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN GERMANY AND WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU THE MAIN IMPRESSIONS CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH I GAINED FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS. AS YOU WELL KNOW, I GREATLY VALUE OUR EXCHANGES OF PERCEPTIONS AND WOULD WELCOME ANY OBSERVATIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

SINCE OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED, THE MIDDLE EAST TALKS WITH GROMYKO WERE ESSENTIALLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND NO CONCLU-

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SIONS WERE REACHED OR DECISIONS MADE. MR. GROMYKO RE-

ITERATED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS OF JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF OUR CURRENT EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING ANOTHER MOVE IN THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS, WE DO NOT VIEW THESE EFFORTS IN ISOLATION FROM THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. WE AGREED TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER IN THE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD WHEN THE RESULTS OF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS AND OF OUR REASSESSMENT SHOULD BECOME CLEARER. THEREAFTER, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CRYSTALIZE OUR THOUGHTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES, ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO MOVE THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND I HAD A VERY INTENSIVE THREE HOURS TOGETHER DISCUSSING NOT ONLY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEXT INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT BUT ALSO THE COMPLEX INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THAT STEP, THE SYRIAN PROBLEM, THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, WHILE SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE, THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL STILL FELL SHORT OF WHAT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT. PRIME MINISTER RABIN AGREED TO PRESENT TO HIS CABINET A NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH DEVELOPED IN OUR TALKS. I WOULD HOPE TO HAVE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO A CLEARER IMPRESSION OF WHETHER A NEW STEP TOWARD PEACE IS POSSIBLE AND SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WITH WARM, PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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